



Gary Steinmetz Retires From Motor Carrier Services



The consolidation effort at Motor Carrier Services has ushered in many changes. One of the saddest changes involved the retirement of Gary Steinmetz. Gary has served the people of Missouri for over

32 years. Before the consolidation, Gary served as director of the Overdimension/Overweight section of MoDOT and in that capacity helped direct the department's efforts at modernizing monitoring at roadside weigh stations. He also was an instrumental leader in several other efforts to help reduce the red tape associated with complying with state and federal trucking regulations.

Over his years of service, Gary made many friends in the industry, in other jurisdictions

and with co-workers. Each of these friends will miss the humor he brought to them daily and the hard work he gave to every project and work function in which he participated. Everyone at Motor Carrier Services wishes Gary all the best in his retirement.

Old Transportation Photos

Motor Carrier Services is looking for old (pre-1950s) photos or photo negatives of motor carrier trucks, tractor-trailer and trucks for a future permanent display in our new facility that will be ready next spring. If you have any photos or negatives that we can use, please contact Barb Hague at 573-751-7128. All photos and negatives will be returned. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Roadcheck 2003 Hits Record Numbers

For the fourth consecutive year, the annual 72-hour Roadcheck resulted in an increase in roadside commercial-vehicle inspector productivity. This means more lives were saved on North American highways.

The 16th annual event – held June 3-5 – resulted in 55,784 North American Standard Inspections performed on commercial vehicles by 9,471 state and provincial personnel at 1,097 locations throughout Canada and the United States. There were 43,583 Level I inspections, the most in 16 years – up from 39,495 in 2002. The inspectors placed 24,171 Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance decals on vehicles found to be free of critical safety defects. That's 43.3 percent of the total.

Roadcheck 2003 resulted in 22.7 percent of vehicles inspected being placed out of service for mechanical problems, up from 22 percent in 2002. For drivers, the 2003 inspections resulted in a 5 percent driver out-of-service rate, down from 5.7 percent last year. For hazardous materials inspections this year, the out-of-service rates for vehicles increased from 17 to 20.2 percent and stayed the same for drivers at 2.4 percent. For motorcoach inspections, the out-of-service rates for vehicles and drivers both decreased from 11.7 to 9.5 and 8.7 to 1.7 percent, respectively.

Annual Roadchecks are sponsored by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. In addition to CVSA and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association, other

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participating organizations include the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, Secretariat of Communications and Transportation in Mexico, and for 2002, the Research and Special Programs Administration and the Tire Retread Information Bureau.

CVSA is the leading commercial vehicle safety enforcement organization in North America. Its members include enforcement agencies and industry representatives in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

IRP - New Procedures for Estimating Mileage

In previous years, Missouri registrants were allowed to use an estimate mileage chart that was based upon one round trip or one trip to the first major city and back for new and added jurisdictions where they did not actually accumulate mileage.

A new mileage estimation system is now required under the International Registration Plan. This new system is based on mileage actually accumulated by Missouri truckers in the various jurisdictions. For example, 24,434 Missouri-based vehicles accumulated 35,298,331 miles in Alabama. For those vehicles, this represented an average of 1,445 miles or 1.4 percent of their total miles. So under

the new estimated mileage system, a carrier with no previous Alabama mileage requesting to be licensed in that state will be charged 1.4 percent of the Alabama registration fee.

This new system, which will become effective with the processing of the 2004 International Registration Plan renewals, more accurately represents the probable distance a carrier would accumulate. Overall, this change should have a neutral fiscal affect upon Missouri-based carriers.

The Estimated Mileage Chart has been included with the IRP renewals.

New Hours of Service

In April 2003, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued the first significant revision to the Hours of Service regulations in over 60 years.

The new regulations provide an increased opportunity for drivers to obtain necessary rest and sleep, while considering operational realities of motor-carrier transportation. These regulations only apply to property carriers and drivers. Passenger carriers and drivers will continue operating under the existing rules while fatigue issues specific to the passenger carrier industry are assessed.

Under the new rule, operators may drive up to 11 hours but are limited to 14 hours in a duty period. The duty period may not be extended with off-duty time for meal and fuel stops, etc. but may be extended by the use of a sleeper berth. Each duty period must begin with at least 10 hours off duty. The 60 hours on duty in seven consecutive days or 70 hours on duty in eight consecutive days

remains the same, but drivers can restart the period by taking at least 34 consecutive hours off duty. **Sleeper Berth Exception:** Drivers may split on duty time by using sleeper berth periods but must comply with the new hours-of-service rules.

Industry Exceptions: Oil field operations, groundwater well-drilling operations, construction materials and equipment operations, and utility service-vehicle operations must comply with the new rule. The 24-hour restart provisions remain in effect.

Agricultural Exemption: Agricultural operations retain their current statutory exemption from driving time requirements for transportation occurring within a 100 air-mile radius of a farm or distribution point during planting or harvesting season within each state.

See April 2003 Publication FMCSA-ESA-03-004 for more detailed information.

Did You Know?

Total distance for International Registration Plan miles means the total number of miles, including those accrued on trip permits, operated by a fleet of apportioned vehicles in all jurisdictions during the preceding year.

When reducing operations, total distance shall be reduced by the actual distance traveled in the eliminated jurisdiction. When a jurisdiction needs to be added back during the registration year, the registrant must use as a minimum, the distance traveled in that jurisdiction including distance operated on trip permits during the reporting period.

The original application percentages will not reflect these changes. For more information about this definition change and other definitions, visit www.aamva.org/IRPI. (Effective 10/03)

Applications for intrastate authority filed on behalf of a corporation no longer require the signature of an attorney.

Missouri's New Medical Exemption Program

The Motor Carrier Services Unit filed an emergency and proposed rulemaking on June 6, 2003, implementing a Medical Exemption Program.

The proposed rule was effective June 16 and published in the July 1, 2003, edition of the Missouri Register. This new rule will incorporate a limb and a vision exemption that will allow individuals that normally would not meet the qualification standards of Section 391.41 of Title 49 CFR to submit a Skill Performance Evaluation application.

The rule will enable individuals with amputated or impaired limbs, or with impaired vision, to apply for intrastate skill performance evaluation certificates and, after demonstrating their individual abilities, to become legally qualified to operate Commercial Motor Vehicles in Missouri intrastate commerce.

Applications for an intrastate Skill Performance Evaluation certificate are filed with the Director of Motor Carrier Services, Medical Exemption Program, at P.O. 1216, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

If you have questions about this new program or desire to obtain an application, please call 573-522-9001, or toll free at 866-831-6277, or visit our web site at www.carrier.state.mo.us.

Employee News

Promotions

Michael Wade, William Reynolds, Ken Sowers and Henry Knight will be promoted to intermediate transportation specialists and **Kathy Hatfield** will be promoted to a senior motor carrier specialist.

Farewell

Julie Luebbering – intermediate clerk transferred to another unit within MoDOT on Aug. 1, 2003.

Judy Veit – senior secretary is retiring Sept. 1.

Datelines

Oct. 1

International Registration Plan renewals due

Oct. 2

Late file IRP penalty

Oct. 31

Third Quarter International Fuel Tax Agreement due

Excel Awards Competition

News on Wheels won the Society of National Association Publications 2003 EXCEL awards competition for the most improved newsletter. Many thanks go to Rebecca Geyer, former staff of Motor Carrier Services, Barbara Hague, assistant special projects coordinator and Dennis Forbis, senior design specialist for all their hard work.

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